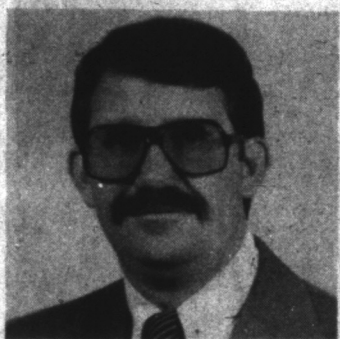




## Lottie Passes \$1.6 Million In State

January receipts from Mississippi Baptist churches for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering amounted to \$1,675,322.93! This is the largest one-month's gift in history to this foreign mission offering. Supplementary materials, such as posters, offering envelopes, prayer folders, etc., were mailed to all our churches from the WMU office. Leading out in mailing hundreds of packages of such material was Mrs. Katie Ainsworth, of the WMU staff, right, shown with Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

## Robin Nichols Elected To Church Training Staff



Robin Nichols

Robin Nichols, a Vicksburg native, has been named youth consultant in the Church Training department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He begins work March 1, coming to the Baptist Building from First Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga., where he

has served since 1975 as minister of education.

A graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College, Nichols earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He has been youth minister and minister of education and youth for Crestwood Baptist Church, Crestwood, Ky., and has been pastor of the Darby Baptist Mission, Darby, Mont.

Nichols worked as youth minister at Highland Baptist Church, Vicksburg, and at Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson.

He is married to the former Jane Edwards, who was reared in Canton. They have one son, Nathan.

Active in civic affairs, Nichols is president of the Coweta County (Ga.) Council on Aging and was for five years chaplain of the Newnan High School Football team.

## Adrian Rogers Opposes 'Godless Humanism' In Today's Schools

By Tim Nicholas

Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, last week in Mississippi responded in an

interview to a Baptist Press story printed in the Baptist Record two weeks ago. The story mentioned his involvement in supporting proposed

legislation by U.S. Senator Jesse Helms. The legislation, according to Rogers would "Put this matter of legislation back into the hands of local communities and state government where it belongs," said Rogers, who was closing speaker for the state's Evangelism/Bible Conference in Columbus.

"What we've done is to expell God from our schools," said Rogers, who said he believed his earlier statements had been misinterpreted.

"This news article made it look like I was in favor of the establishment of a state church and enforced prayers," which is 100 percent contrary to what he believes, he said.

"I am opposed to government interference in religion," said Rogers. "The fact is that in all of our schools across the land principals and teachers are scared to death to do anything spiritual or to mention God in the classroom except perhaps in a profane way."

Rogers acknowledged that the Supreme Court decisions in their early 60's did not specifically prohibit voluntary prayer and religious expression. Rogers said if one put aside all protestations as to what the Supreme Court did or did not do all one has to do is "look at the situation and you'll see what happened."

He continued, "We have come to a

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## Board Earns Interest On 1979 Income

Interest income of \$323,558 for 1979 was reported by Art Nelson, business manager and comptroller of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board when the Executive Committee of the board met last week in Columbus.

The meeting was held at First Baptist Church, Columbus, on the opening day of the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism/Bible Conference at the church.

Income earned from interest goes into the Convention Board reserve fund, Nelson told the Executive Committee members. At this point the total in the reserve fund is in excess of \$900,000. It was all placed there as a result of interest earned on investments.

A substantial reserve fund is necessary for an operation as the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board because of the irregular nature of the gifts, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the board.

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ively religious only if it provides morally or spiritually oriented instruction to the people it serves.

The board will challenge that definition on the grounds that it is too narrow and restrictive and constitutionally doubtful. The board will argue that it is indeed an integral part of the Southern Baptist Convention and that the board meets any reasonable interpretation of the term "exclusively religious."

Citing a 10 percent 13th check, retirement benefits in excess of \$18 million and insurance benefits of more than \$16 million, Morgan called 1979 a year of "significant achievement, ministry and growth" for the board at its annual trustee meeting.

"Despite the incredible pressures of economics, social change and investment variations," said Morgan, in his ninth year as president of the retirement and insurance planning agency,

"this is a report of growth in practically every phase of the board's work."

According to Morgan, a key highlight was the mailing of 13th checks amounting to 10 percent of a full year's benefit to most board annuitants in December 1979. The board sends 13th checks in years when investment returns permit.

In 1979 the Annuity Board paid retirement benefits totaling \$18,126,763. Insurance benefits through the agency's church, agency and seminary programs exceeded \$16 million.

Morgan said 602 new churches joined the board's Southern Baptist retirement program in 1979. A total of 2,464 pastors enlisted in the plan and 7,438 members upgraded their programs. He predicted the board would pay benefits to about 20,000 annuitants by the end of the '80s.

Morgan told trustees that maintaining a "sensitivity to service" for the growing agency will be a prime challenge during the 1980s.

"In the face of big growth, the Annuity Board must maintain a sensitivity to the convention's small churches and their ministers and staffs," he remarked.

Funds held in trust (total assets) reached a record \$667,474,967, an increase of \$97.7 million over 1978. Premium income for 1979 totaled \$69.5 million.

At the end of 1979, the board counted 22,879 members in the family benefit section (Plan A), 48,861 in the age security section (Plan B) and 3,941 in the variable benefit fund (Plan C).

D. William Dodson Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Martin, Tenn., was re-elected to a second one-year term as chairman.

## January Gifts Total Highest Month Ever

Cooperative Program gifts in January from Mississippi Baptist churches for world missions causes exceeded those of all other months in history, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi

Baptist Convention Board.

The January Cooperative Program total was \$1,221,296, which made January the second month in history for missions giving to go above \$1 million. The previous million-dollar-month for gifts was October of 1979, when the total was \$1,018,812. Thus the January total was \$202,484 greater than ever before.

The total for January of last year approached \$1 million with the gifts being \$991,875. The January 1980 total was 23.1 percent, or \$229,421, more than for the same month of same year.

The annual budget for 1980 is \$11,247,000, meaning that a pro rata share for each month would be \$937,250. Thus the January gifts from

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## A Giant Has Fallen

By W. Leven Moore

Goliath was just a horse. Yet, his uniqueness made him much more than "just a horse." The two-thousand-pound Clydesdale, given to Central Hills Baptist Retreat, was a well-loved pet and a symbol to those throughout the state and beyond who had an opportunity to know him.

The hundreds of boys who attended the first season of camping at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko during the summer of 1979 came to know and admire Goliath.

He was big but he was gentle and lovable. He seemed to sense that boys were attracted to him, and he responded to them with the kind of affection that is uniquely shown by an intelligent and appreciative animal.

Goliath was gangly and somewhat awkward, but his appearance was impressive. Whether he stood surrounded by a group of admiring R.A.'s, galloped across the pasture before his admirers, or clomped over the trails at Central Hills, he seemed to have found his place as a companion of boys.

Everyone anticipated that Goliath would spend many summer camping seasons with the boys at Central Hills. But, unfortunately, he was unable to overcome the disease which afflicted him.

In spite of the excellent care he received and the expert medical attention of highly skilled veterinarians, Goliath could not survive. In January, 1980, the giant fell.

Everyone who knew him will be saddened to know that Goliath is dead. But, I am grateful for the joy he brought to the boys at R.A. Camp last summer.

His memorial will be the happy memories etched upon the minds of those who had the privilege of being associated with this big, lovable animal.

## Acteens Queens' Court To Feature Missionaries

Missionary speakers for Acteens Queens' Court March 7-9 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, will include Gerald and Glenda Davis and James and Mary Slack, all missionaries to the Philippines, and Mrs. Dolton Haggan of Philadelphia, Miss., missionary to the Choctaws since 1966.

While on furlough the Davises are living in Tupelo and the Slacks are living in Hattiesburg. The Slacks were appointed in 1964. Their current assignment is in M'Lang where he is general evangelist and chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries. He is a Louisianan. Mary was born at Poplarville.

The Davises, appointed in 1975, are currently assigned as church planters in Cagayan de Oro City. Glenda was born at Marks and grew up in Batesville. Gerald was born in Alabama.

Martha Haggan, born in Crystal Springs, was a missionary nurse in Indonesia before her marriage in 1963.

Wayne Osborne, Jackson, a vocalist who accompanies himself on the piano, will lead the music for the Queens' Court. Friday evening he will give a special mini-concert. Osborne is a student at Delta State University.

"The Kinsmen," eight high school



Gerald and Glenda Davis



James and Mary Slack

age young men from First Church, Gulfport, directed by Jimmy Cutrell, will entertain at Saturday night's recognition banquet. The banquet, in addition, will feature long dresses, crowns, scepters, and capes.

The theme, using a new reporting

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## Vocational Evangelists' Officers

Pictured are the new officers of the Mississippi Baptist vocational evangelists' association. Left to right are Tommy Winders, Tupelo, vice president for preaching evangelists; Kathryn Barlow, Yazoo City, vice president for music evangelists; Myrna Loy Hedgcock, Jackson, secretary; and Howard Aultman, Columbia, president. The group held a breakfast business meeting during the conference and sponsored a reception for conference participants. (Conference story, Page 2)



Baptists in American Samoa, a new home mission field for Southern Baptists, observe the Lord's Supper at Happy Valley Baptist Church in Pago Pago. Pastor Ray Villamu, who is serving, was the first Southern Baptist home missionary to go to American Samoa. Villamu's ministry since 1976, and support of the Home Mission Board and Hawaii Baptists, have helped Happy Valley to become a church that contributes to missions through the Cooperative Program. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions will provide about half of the \$30,000 Southern Baptists give for missions in American Samoa in 1980. (Photo by Everett Hullum, Home Mission Board)

## Offering Funds Half Of This Ministry

## What If There Were No Annie Armstrong Offering?

ATLANTA, Ga. — If there were no Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, the work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board would be cut almost exactly in half.

"Without the contributions Southern Baptists make to the Annie Armstrong offering, our work would be cut in half," said William G. Tanner, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tanner described the importance of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering before the annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions March 2-8.

Cutting Home Mission Board work by half would mean 1,400 instead of 2,800 missionaries serving in every state, Puerto Rico and American Samoa.

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, has set a national goal of \$15.5 million for the 1980-81 missions offering. The \$15.5 million, with funds from the Cooperative Program, will provide most or all of the \$33,627,457 budget adopted by the Home Mission Board.

Tanner said that without the Annie Armstrong offering, the Home Mission

Board "would have to revise and radically limit its strategy of evangelizing and congregationalizing."

"There would be no new missionaries, no new pastors to work with language and culture groups without the offering," Tanner said. "There would be no church planters to extend the work into new areas, no persons to minister in Baptist Centers, no weekday ministries, and no specialized work such as in literacy, with blind, and retarded."

Tanner said that the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions "is crucial if we are to do our work."

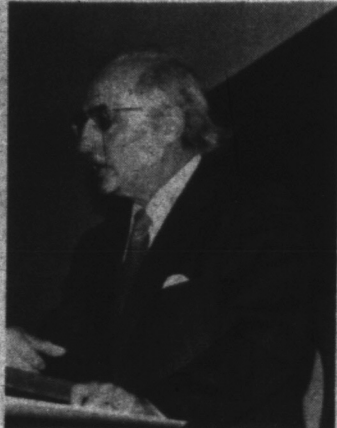




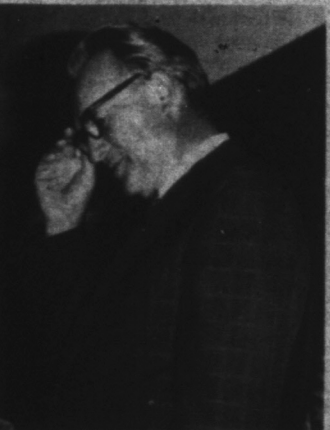
Lowndes County director of missions J. C. Mitchell reacts as Chester Vaughn, convention board program director, hands him a check for \$35,000. The check is for new church expansion in Columbus. The money will be used in land acquisition for Lakeview Baptist Mission. Gene Henderson, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus, which sponsors the mission, is pictured at right. Fairview has contributed financial resources as well as leadership in the development of the congregation which meets in the building of what was formerly Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Mitchell said that the convention board's new church expansion committee has approved \$18,000 for purchase of a mobile chapel for the congregation.



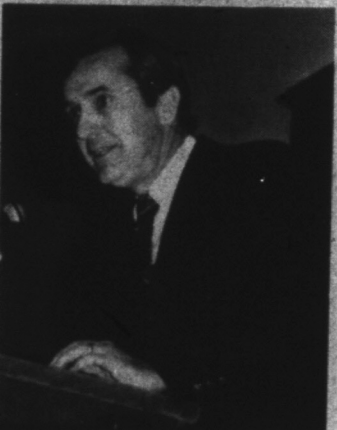
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## BYW's Will Hear 'Two Special Women'

By Marilyn Hopkins, Consultant  
Mississippi Woman's  
Missionary Union

One hundred Mississippi BYWs will have the opportunity to see and hear many of the program guests featured at the annual meeting of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, during the BYW Banquet, Monday evening, March 17.



Simmons

Two very special women will share during the banquet, Mrs. O. Errol (Mary) Simmons, foreign missionary to Spain, and Mrs. Earl (Marjorie) Kelly, wife of the executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and meditation leader during the convention.

Mary Simmons, born in Jones County, grew up in Laurel and has served with her husband in Madrid, Spain, since 1974. She is involved in home and church work and teaches in the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary.

Marjorie Kelly was vice-president of public relations at William Carey College and is a former missionary to Israel.

"HimLine... life style changes."

will be the theme for the banquet which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church, Laurel. The cost for the banquet is \$3.50 per person and reservations must be made before Wednesday, March 12, by writing Marilyn Hopkins, WMU Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. No refunds after March 12.

Following the banquet, the BYWs will be able to attend the first session of the WMU annual meeting. Reserved seating will be available for the young women. A nursery will be available at the Magnolia Street Baptist Church from 5:00 p.m. until the convention session is over. There will be a small fee charged for the nursery.

Mrs. Dan (Lydia) Jones, BYW President, First Baptist Church, Laurel, and Mrs. Alan Griffin (Marilyn) Jones, associational BYW director, will assist with local arrangements for the banquet. Members of several BYW organizations in Laurel will also assist in the preparations.

A "special" Campus BYW cost of \$2.50 will allow many CBYWs in the area to attend this annual event.

Every BYW and CBYW is cordially invited to attend the banquet and opening session of the WMU Convention, March 17. Plan now to bring every young woman in your church to First Baptist Church, Laurel, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. for the BYW Banquet.

## EV / Bible Conference Bible Is Source Of Speakers' Material

Speaking to a house that was about 85 percent pastors, Adrian Rogers closed out the 1980 Mississippi Baptist Evangelism/Bible Conference in Columbus, telling the congregation at First Baptist Church that "we are not to be reservoirs of the truth, but rivers of revival."

Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Memphis' Bellevue Baptist Church, was final speaker in the conference which offered 12 sermons and Bible studies plus a choice of two out of six special sessions on sin.

The music program was coordinated by Dan Hall, director of the convention board's Church Music department.

Others who delivered the major addresses and Bible studies include Ken Chafin, Homer Lindsay, Jr., Don Stewart, Fred White, S. A. Adkins, Frank Pollard, Penrose St. Amant, and Clyde Francisco.

Rogers told the audience that one Pentecost was enough, as was one Bethlehem and one Calvary. "We don't want another Pentecost," he said, but "I want something in my life so supernatural that it cannot be explained." He said that Christians should watch movements that place the Holy Spirit in the forefront. "You'll never find the Holy Spirit leading the parade, you'll find the Holy Spirit on the sidelines pointing to Jesus," he said.

Rogers said Southern Baptists need revival. "The reason we've not been catching fish is we've been fishing in the stagnant water of self-love," he said.

Ken Chafin, pastor of Houston, Texas' South Main Church, declared that the average adult Sunday School class "never really studies the Bible." He said that if the church were persecuted in Mississippi today, "it would clarify the issues, draw the saints together, and flush out the halfhearted."

He added that the church today is being persecuted, "differently and more effectively. Instead of the world attacking us, they have seduced us."

Chafin told the ministers that they are to be responsible to God alone. This helps, he said "to curb the natural desires to please others and will help keep us from being too sensitive to criticism."

He added that ministers' lives need to be transparent. Ministers should do "anything you can do to make this life that is open to God, open to your people."

Homer Lindsay, Jr., pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Fla., spoke directly to the pastors present when he said that church growth comes largely through a pastor letting God use him. "Whether they (the people) get saved or not, that's between them and God,"

he said, "but I know I'm out of the will of God when I don't care."

Lindsay said that most preachers "when they preach repentance, they preach it to the Wednesday night crowd." He added that if the church is empty on Sunday nights "it's not because of television or relatives' visiting, it's because of empty feeding pens. Put the feed out and the sheep will come."

Lindsay outlined for the preachers a seven point sermon he called "the seven laws of sowing and reaping." The final point is that "the harvest is always ready," he said.

Don Stewart, a Mississippian and executive vice president of New Orleans Seminary, said that "there are no non-commissioned officers in the army of the Lord." He added, "Every day has within it the opportunity to evangelize the world."

He said that the gospel message is "not a bludgeon to browbeat people into submission, but a blanket to warm their hearts."

Fred White of the Home Mission Board's evangelism staff offered a checklist for those who want to be sure they are growing in grace.

One will have "a clearer view and better understanding of God," said White, whose list included an increasing hatred of sin, more singleness of heart and purpose to serve God, and greater purity of motives. "Why do I want a bigger Sunday School?" White said a minister could ask.

The list also included more love for one's fellow man, an increasing delight in fellowship with God's people, an increasing ability to forgive others, and a growing generosity and delight in giving.

White's list of possibilities for denying growing in grace concluded with greater zeal in Christian service and a greater burden for lost people. Unless there is that burden for somebody," said White, "we're not growing in grace like we ought to."

S. A. "Sonny" Adkins, evangelist, based in Newhebron, told the group that "if you and I are going to have a surrendered life, surrender it in absolute love to Jesus Christ." He said that "we're in the loving business" and "everybody in hell cries out for us to get busy," telling about and serving Christ.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, spoke of substitution. He said that he wondered what James and John thought what was happening after asking for positions on the left and right hand of Christ and seeing "what was happening on the left and right side of that cross."

Pollard added, "He took your place and mine... your name and mine is Barabbas."

## Board Earns Interest On 1979 Income

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By building the reserve from the interest earned on investments there is no Cooperative Program money in the fund, he pointed out.

The money invested is not excess funds that are lying around idle, Nelson noted. "The money invested is not money we don't need," he said. "It is money that we invest until we need it."

The money is invested only in ultra safe transactions such as certificates of deposit and certificates of participation of local banks. It is handled on the advice of an investment committee, which includes bankers. It is all on short-term investments, sometimes over the week end or even over night, Nelson noted.

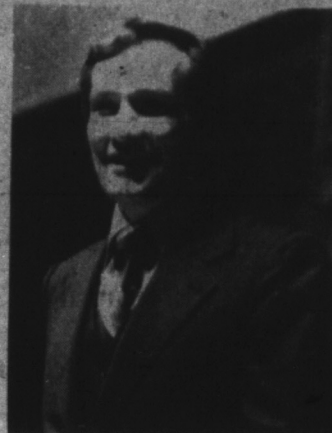
Robin Nichols of Newman, Ga., was elected consultant in the Church Training Department.

## Mrs. Adrian Rogers Will Chair Women's Concerns Conference

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—A national Women's Concerns Conference will be held May 15-17 at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., featuring a

wife of communications executive Fred Diener.

Besides general sessions, the conference will include choices among 35



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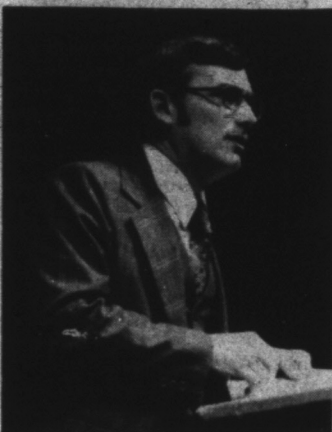


Chafin

Penrose St. Amant, retired professor at Ruschlikon living at Bay St. Louis, said that "man's major trouble is not that he is out of harmony with his environment, or his self, or his fellows, (but) from God."

Clyde Francisco, professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary, said that when God answered Moses, telling him that his name was "I am," he used a subject and a verb, with no predicate. "The minute you put a qualifying noun to that you limit your understanding of God," said Francisco.

Next year's Evangelism/Bible Conference is scheduled for Hattiesburg, Feb. 2-4. The program is co-sponsored by the Sunday School and Evangelism departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Stewart



White

## Opposes 'Godless Humanism'

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place where God can be ridiculed, but he can't be praised. He can be blasphemed, but he cannot be prayed to."

Rogers said he was not talking about wanting to have students recite prayers by rote nor that schools need to teach creation and Genesis 1:1. "I would like to see where students who have a faith and want to express it without infringing on the right of someone else can do so," he said.

"We have got an anti-God bias in our schools that was never intended," he said. "Actually the phrase 'separation of church and state' is not in the constitution. The establishment clause is there, but what our founding fathers were against was an established state religion. They never in their wildest imagination ever dreamed of a separation of God and government."

Rogers continued, "We've got a bunch of godless atheists and humanists who would like to stamp out every vestige of God from this country. It may be that Mr. Wood (of the Baptist Joint Committee, who in the earlier article said that Rogers' stand "repudiated" earlier Southern Baptist resolutions on the issue) sees some technological interpretation that I do not see, but for him to make it look like I am opposed to what Southern Baptists have stood for is untrue."

Rogers explained that he feels that a new type of religion is being taught in the nation today. "Godless humanism is becoming the national religion and the public schools are becoming its Sunday School," he said.

Asked about possible involvement in a conservative Christian political caucus, Rogers said that "When I find the best candidate, as a good citizen I'm going to vote for him and ask my friends to vote for him. And if that's

wrong, I'm guilty and I think any good red-blooded patriotic American would be guilty too."

Rogers said he had not officially endorsed any coalition seeking his attention but he indicated that such coalitions of Christians are good ideas "if they are not controlled by demagogues or persons with ulterior motives."

"People who are in the moral majority need to do what the lesbians and the homosexuals and the ultraliberals have been doing for years," he said.

"I say it's time for good, godly, moral people to stand up and not be intimidated. If they don't, they won't have a place to be intimidated in."

As to whether Rogers thinks a non-Christian could make a good president, he nodded toward the airplane which was about to take him back to Memphis. "I'll tell you what, when I get on that airplane, I'd whole lot rather have a non-Christian who knows how to fly, than a Christian who doesn't."

He added, "All things being equal, I'd rather have a Christian who knows how to fly."

## Revival Dates

Salem Heights Church, near Laurel: Feb. 17-22; Rick Engle, evangelist, Denton, Tex.; and Jerry Swimmer, evangelistic singer, Ripley, Miss.; on Sunday, Bible study 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Church Training 6 p.m.; evening worship 7; Monday through Friday at 7:15 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday services at 11 a.m.; D. J. Benson, pastor. (Engle was a teen-age gang leader in the ghettos of Philadelphia, Penn. before his conversion in 1953.)

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## Editorials

### Baptist seminaries, colleges, schools . . .

## They look to us for support

Southern Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day is Feb. 17. The attention of readers is directed to the two-page presentation by the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission on Pages 4 and 5, which was done in cooperation with BEAM, Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi.

The influence of Southern Baptist educational institutions is not to be measured in this world's understanding. Missionaries witnessing around the world, pastors proclaiming the gospel from pulpits all across the land, Baptist professors training others to serve, and Christian businessmen showing their communities that Christ makes a difference are all products of Christian training in Baptist schools.

Mississippi Baptist institutions are involved in training young people in a wide range of career possibilities.

They are doing so with a dedication and a commitment to the principles that Baptists believe would mark the lives of those who have found the Way of the Lord.

The same is true for Baptist institutions all across our land. These include a theological seminary just beyond our state's borders in New Orleans, La. These institutions deserve our support.

They must have our support if they are to continue to be able to minister to their students, to us, and to the world in the same meaningful manner in which they have in the past.

Inflation is taking a terrible toll in all aspects of life. Perhaps, because of their nature, the educational institutions are suffering the most from the ravages of astronomical price increases.

creases.

Our support must continue in the difficult days ahead. One of the primary means of support is to guide young men and women to the doors of these fine institutions in order to receive a first-rate education with the added dimension of a Christian atmosphere.

They are counting on us. There is no one else to help them.

## Letters To The Editor

### Bible Book Series

Thank you for your information regarding the comments on the Bible Book Series for Sunday School. I am delighted to learn that they will appear in the paper.

I teach Adult Ladies in Sunday School, and our attendance has more than doubled since we started using the Bible Book Series. I consider it the greatest advance in Sunday School literature.

My only regret is that only 16 percent of our churches are using this literature. Please don't let this percentage influence any future plans to continue the series.

Thank you.  
Mrs. A. B. Brasher  
Bruce, MS.

### Letters to Prisoners

From time to time in the various state papers, I see letters from prison inmates. Usually, they are asking for mail in return. The inmate says he is lonely, needs someone to write to, etc. As Christians, we should love those in prison. Jesus taught that "inasmuch" as we minister to them, we do it unto Him.

But a word of caution. A staff member of one prison tells me that some inmates solicit such letters as a way to beg for money. Once they win the confidence of the persons writing

them, they start asking for "cigarette money" or "postage money" or whatever. If a prisoner can cultivate 10, 20, 30 or more correspondents, you can readily see his potential income.

Letter-writing is a worthy ministry. But make sure the person you write really wants friendship and not a confidence game. I don't say this as a put-down to all prisoners. The "preacher" who mails anointed handkerchiefs for a \$5 donated is just as bad—or worse.

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## Book Reviews

**BEING A KID AIN'T EASY** by Martha Gray Henderson (Abingdon, paper, 111 pp. \$3.95) Here is a book of 42 sermons for children. Mrs. Henderson's aim is to help the child deal with problems by presenting his or her situation in story form and then presenting a solution. The stories—about such problems as divorce, death, alcoholism, fear of bullies, shyness, and keeping secrets—help the child to view emotions like anger, jealousy, feelings of inferiority as a normal part of life. The author, who lives in Pine Bluff, Ark., formerly lived in Coldwater, Coffeyville, and Blue Mountain, Miss. (1945-67) *Lawrence and Mary*

**HANS ROOKMAAKER** by Linette Martin (InterVarsity, paper, 186 pp., \$4.95) This is the intriguing biography of a Dutchman who was an art historian and a theologian, who died in 1977 at age 55. Rookmaaker was a devout Christian, an encourager of Christian artists, a lover of jazz. His story winds from Dutch-governed Indonesia through Nazi-occupied Holland and two concentration camps in Europe. While teaching art history he formed the beginning of a long friendship with Francis Schaeffer. Through his books and lectures he influenced many young Christians across the world.

### Abortion Appeal

Editor:

Thank you for your courageous editorial, "Abortion decision . . . Justice Department appeal is commendable" (Jan. 31). I appreciate your logical, concise argument as well as your eloquent manner of presentation. Truly the decision of Judge Dooling (Jan. 24) has no link whatsoever to the First Amendment rights. *Calvin Kelly, Pastor  
McCool Baptist Church*

## State Baptist Colleges Offer Service To Lifelong Learners

Mississippi's Baptist colleges are deeply involved in adult and continuing education. There is a distinctive to each program; yet one common thread runs through all efforts—service to the lifelong learner.

All four colleges operate an evening program on campus, and each has developed extension courses off campus.

The oldest college, Mississippi College, has a comprehensive management training program which tailors individual courses for business and industry. The college's relationship with the American Management Association has brought a series of Deep South Seminars to the campus. Area business leaders are provided the latest information in an attractive format.

Mississippi College's Elderhostel concept brings older Americans to the campus for a series of educational experiences lasting several days. Among the topics to be presented are "Civil War Campaigns in Mississippi," "Photography," and "Antiques and Artifacts of the Civil War Era."

Non-credit programs of Mississippi College include professional develop-

ment, fitness, creative expressions, and other interest areas. In addition, many topics are dealt with through the PACE (Programs for Adult Community Enrichment) program, a highly successful approach to the non-credit casual student.

Clarke College has entered the adult education field with several extremely topical presentations, including the highly regarded "Great Decisions" series. Lifelong learners can also study "The Book of Job" and ponder the intriguing question "What Ever Happened to the Human Race?"

One of the most promising new courses at Clarke is "How to Research Genealogical History," which began Feb. 14. These courses and several traditional academic offerings will provide residents in the Newton area an excellent opportunity to study at Clarke.

Blue Mountain College, long a leader in quality education in North Mississippi, has again challenged area residents with quality academic offerings at Senatobia and New Albany, as well as traditional evening classes on campus. The inter-term will offer students

several courses taught during the month of May, and summer will bring an excellent workshop in art at New Albany.

North Mississippi residents have learned to expect a quality presentation in the Summer Workshop in special education on Blue Mountain's campus. This same concept is reflected in weekend classes in microbiology and other science courses.

William Carey College has met the needs of a large number of registered nurses who seek to complete a bachelor of science in nursing degree through evening classes. The Division of Continuing Education offers pre-nursing courses in several cities of south and central Mississippi. These classes, also open to other adult students, often are in the form of Weekend Workshops, meeting Friday evenings and all day Saturday.

Area business leaders profit from Carey's workshops in real estate, management and personal development. The College also presents a series of courses in health care management at off-campus sites.

Graduate education continues to play a strong role in the William Carey program and each term numerous teachers and administrators take graduate courses at more than a dozen sites.

Carey College offers non-credit courses in a variety of interest areas, including church finance, preparation of oral history for the church, teaching methods for Sunday School teachers and skill courses in stitching, music, cooking, etc.

Each of the four Baptist colleges seeks to meet identified needs of its church constituency and the general public alike. Once a need is known, the colleges move willingly to meet the challenge. As Mississippians find more leisure time, the Baptist colleges of the state act to provide stimulating, productive, Christian-oriented activities and educational opportunities for all adult students through continuing education.

**VAASA, Finland**—Thirty members of Swedish-speaking Baptist churches in Finland met here recently to organize in such a way as to be recognized by the government as a denomination. They hoped that at least 20 congregations would eventually align with the organization.



The Kinsmen will sing at Queens' Court.

## Spring Semester For Seminary Extension Will Open March 3

Two courses will be offered during the spring semester of the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center, Eugene I. Farr, director, has announced.

The semester opens on March 3 and continues through April 29 with classes available on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. each week. All class sessions will be held on the second floor of the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College.

Available on Monday nights will be "A Study of the Epistle of the Hebrews," to be taught by E. R. Pinson, former professor of Bible and chair-

man of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College.

The Tuesday night course will be entitled "How Southern Baptists Do Their Work" and will be taught by Eugene I. Farr, Extension Center director and former professor of education at Mississippi College.

Seminary Extension classes are open to anyone over 16 years of age and one semester hour of college credit is available. Individuals desiring additional information should call Farr at 924-6527 or write him at 203 W. Lakeview Drive, Clinton, MS. 39056.

## National Baptist BSU Director Coordinates Missions Emphasis

Versie Dee Lee, State National Baptist Student Union director will coordinate a missions emphasis Feb. 25-29 for National Baptist BSU on several college campuses in Mississippi.

Roy Cotton, director of special ministries in the department of student ministries of the Baptist Convention of Virginia will be the speaker for the week. His coming to Mississippi is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Home Mission Board SBC and Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

There is a great need for National Baptist Students to serve in areas of Southern Baptist Home Mission Board work throughout the nation. The purpose of these meetings is to inform and encourage college students in Black Baptist Churches to participate in the National Student Summer Missions Program.

Schedule of College visits is as follows:  
Feb. 25: Coahoma Junior College

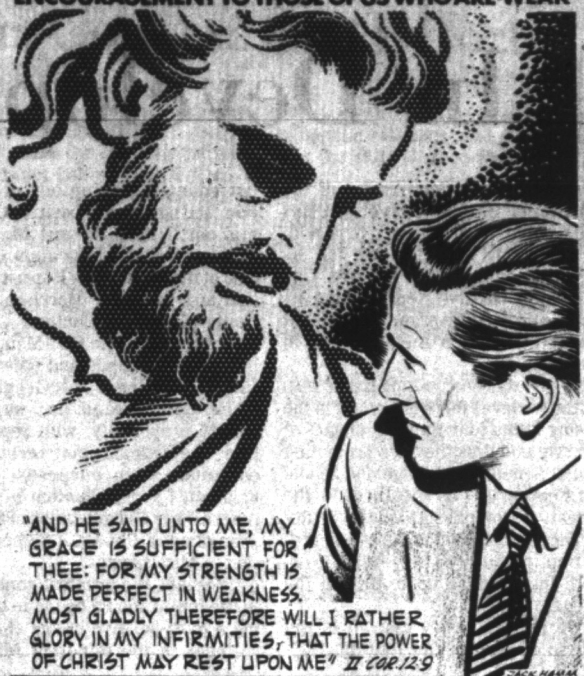
(evening); Feb. 26: Delta State (noon), Mississippi Delta Junior College (afternoon), Valley State University (evening); Feb. 27: Mississippi College (morning), Jackson State University (evening); Feb. 28: Prentiss Institute (morning), Alcorn State University (evening); and Feb. 29: Utica Junior College (morning).

Cotton will also be a guest speaker and conference leader for the National Baptist Student Convention February 29-March 2 to be held at Sophia Sutton Assembly, Prentiss.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

Feb. 17-20 Home Mission Graded Series Study (WMU)  
Feb. 18-20 Church Committing Itself Through Planning, Baptist Building, Jackson, 2:00 p.m., 18th-12:00 Noon, 20th (CAPM)  
Feb. 22-23 State Keyboard Seminar, FBC, Jackson, 6:00 p.m., 22nd-1:30 p.m., 23rd (CM)  
Feb. 22-23 Campus BYW Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 6:00 p.m., 22nd-2:30 p.m., 23rd (WMU)

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE OF US WHO ARE WEAK



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## Faces And Places

By Annie Washburn McWilliams

### To My Valentine

Thank you for choosing me from all the millions of people in the world. I never grew tired of hearing your mother tell me what you told her when you got home after our first date. She said you confided that you had found your future wife. (You didn't let me in on that secret until two years later.)

Thank you for never caviling or carping—for being patient when I am stubborn; for making up funny answers to my silly questions; for forgiving me when I hurt you; for never reminding me of my past mistakes; for accepting my desire to travel to the ends of the earth—even if you don't understand it.

Thank you for loving my family. I confess that once I complained to Mama that you never pick up your socks and that you always leave the lavatory littered with whiskers. She, who lives alone, quickly set me straight: "Be glad you have someone who belongs to the socks. Pick them up, and don't say a word!"

Thank you for cherishing me. Thank you for (no matter how many pounds I gain) still calling me your "little sweetheart." I love you when you bring me coffee, and the funny paper to read in bed on a Saturday morning. I love you when you rub my aching shoulders, tired from hours at the

typewriter. I love you because you never go to sleep without kissing me good night. I love you when in church you find the page number and hold the hymnal for us, even though you know that neither of us can sing.

I never loved you more than I did one afternoon last week, when I came home on a cold, rainy, gloomy February afternoon, and saw another proof of your thoughtfulness. I knew that you would have to work until midnight and I dreaded the lonely evening, and the struggle to build a fire (often for me a fruitless struggle, especially when the wood is green.) But I walked into the den and saw that you had cut some kindling, and placed it just right. You had stacked wood on the kindling, and laid some extra logs nearby. You had even stuffed some newspaper under the kindling. All I had to do was strike a match.

In that moment, all the hard times and the quarrels and the losses and pains we have had seemed to crumble like ashes. Happiness sprang up in my heart like the flames licking at the kindling. I thanked God again that afternoon for giving me you.

Since the Baptist Record comes out this week on February 14, consider this, my husband, to be your valentine.

## Queens' Court . . .

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format, will be "The Good News . . . is NEWS!"

Queens' Court is planned annually by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union for Acteens who are involved in Stuidact, individual achievement plan. Those who may attend are Queens who have never before participated at Queens' Court and Queens who have achieved another level in Stuidact since they last attended Queens' Court.

Registration will start Friday, March 7, at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The event will end Sunday, March 9, with lunch at 12 noon.

Diane ("D.P.") Smith, Acteens consultant, state WMU department, said that Acteens and their leaders who attend should bring towels, linens, a long dress for the banquet, Stuidact regalia, Bible, a dress for Sunday worship, and personal articles. Pillows are furnished.

The cost will be \$22 per person. The registration deadline is March 3.

## Pennies For Hunger Add Up To \$1,500

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (BP)—When V. Allen Gaines asked his congregation for pennies, he had no idea he would get more than \$1,500 for world hunger.

Gaines, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Newport News, proposed in a sermon that his people save one cent per meal from October until the end of the year.

Once the appeal was made, the pennies started coming in and they are still coming in. So far, church members have counted \$1,526.51. Some people brought in quart jars and gallon jugs filled with pennies they had been saving for years and the church got one check from Florida.

The 2,500-member church gave this money in addition to its regular offerings and its \$5,500 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

## State Vocal Festival To Be Held In Newton

First Baptist Church and Clarke College in Newton will host this year's State Vocal Festival, sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The festival will be held simultaneously with the State Keyboard Festival on Friday evening, Feb. 29, and Saturday, March 1.

Pre-registrations for the event should be mailed to the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 by February 15.

Dean Wilder, of the famed Hale and Wilder duo, will be guest clinician. Wilder will present lectures, demonstrations, and a mini-concert. He will also serve as an adjudicator in the selection of participants. The judges' trophies will be awarded to the top female and top male vocalists.

Any tenth, eleventh or twelfth grader interested in participating in the festival may do so by meeting the

requirements set up in the Mississippi Baptist Festival Handbook, available from the Church Music office. Each participant will be required to sing two selections from memory. One will be a gospel song, hymn, or gospel folk solo; the second must be a sacred classical solo.

Participants may elect to enter the vocal proficiency areas to work toward receiving a \$150 college scholarship award available to qualifying seniors. Any participant who receives a superior rating on the vocal solos will receive a \$25.00 scholarship to the Baptist summer music event of his or her choice.

Further information concerning the festival may be obtained by contacting Bob Shettleworth, coordinator for the event, by phone at 354-3708, or by mail at the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.



# Education Commission Makes A Bold Thrust In Development Of "Greatest Resource"

The Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has made a bold thrust forward in providing leadership and guidance for the four Mississippi Baptist colleges. One of the most positive steps was the assistance provided in organizing BEAM (Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi).

The Commission, joining hands with BEAM, believes there is a world in the making at the four Baptist colleges of the state and thus they are promoting Baptist Seminary, College and School Day February 17 as sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are urging Baptist churches in the state to observe that Sunday in promoting the colleges.

"We believe every church in the state should support the four fine Baptist colleges serving our denomination, and others, in a positive Christian manner," said Kermit McGregor, chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton.

Stressing the role BEAM has played in uniting the goals and objectives of the four colleges, McGregor said, "The Commission has supported BEAM prayerfully, with representation in meetings, joint meetings for communication purposes, encouragement for coordination of recruitment efforts and allocation of funds for promotion of Christian higher education in Mississippi."

"Perhaps the greatest contribution in the future should be made by creating a most positive image of our four colleges in the minds of Mississippians, our greatest resource for development," said the Education Commission chairman.

The MBC Education Commission and BEAM first joined together in promoting Baptist Seminary, College and School Day several years ago and the effort proved successful in attracting additional recognition and support for the Baptist colleges of the state. The Southern Baptist Educator, the magazine published by the SBC Education Commission, carried an article relative to the success of the promotion.

The Commission and BEAM members met jointly at Mississippi College this past fall to map out plans for promotion of this year's emphasis which carries the theme "Committed to Christian Education for a World in the Making."

"We hope every church in Mississippi can find some way to give special emphasis in promoting the work of the four Baptist colleges in the state, either on the designated February 17 date or at some other time during the year," said McGregor. "Our four colleges are committed to Christian education for a world in the making."

**Elected Members**

The Education Commission is composed of 12 members elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Serving with McGregor on the Commission are Fred Fowler, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson; Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; James Heflin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville; Gene Henderson, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus; Leon Young, director of missions, Lauderdale Baptist Association; Billy Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Wesson; H. E. Huddleston, retired president of Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit; Robert Upchurch, an attorney from Tupelo; Thomas Watts, a businessman from Columbia; A. J. Comfort, an educator from Brandon; and W. H. Johnson, Jr., an attorney from Decatur.

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## BEAM

Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi

Clarke College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi College, William Carey

### A World In The Making

## Special Education Emphasis Planned By SBC This Month

COMMITTED TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR A WORLD IN THE MAKING



"Committed to Christian Education for a World in the Making" is the theme for the 1980 Baptist Seminary, College and School Day to be observed on Sunday, Feb. 17, by Southern Baptist churches.

The annual emphasis on Baptists' work in Christian education is sponsored by the convention's Education Commission. It is being promoted here in Mississippi through the joint efforts of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi (BEAM).

Materials concerning Baptist Seminary, College and School Day were distributed to Southern Baptist churches in the state and throughout the country in January by the SBC Education Commission. This included posters and statistical information useful in telling the story of Christian higher education as promoted by Baptists.

In seeking to put additional emphasis on the four Baptist colleges located in Mississippi, the MBC Education Commission and BEAM teamed several years ago to provide Mississippi churches with additional information concerning their own institutions. A special packet of materials which included brochures from the four colleges, plus information from the Education Commission, was mailed to every church in the state.

For 1980, however, a different approach is being taken. In lieu of the packet of materials mailed previously to the churches, the Education Commission and BEAM are using the pages of the Baptist Record in acquainting Mississippi Baptists with the works of their four educational institutions.

"Although the four Baptist colleges have always used the pages of the Baptist Record in telling the story of their particular institution, this is the first joint effort the colleges have attempted in informing Mississippi Baptists of the influence of their educational institutions," said Norman H. Gough, BEAM president and director of public relations at Mississippi College.

"Representatives from all four institutions, plus the Education Commission, have worked together in providing information for this particular issue of the Baptist Record," said Gough, "and our hope is that the two pages relating to the Baptist colleges will be pulled out and saved as a constant reminder of the good the institutions are doing."

In addition to reading and digesting the information in the insert in this paper, Gough suggested other ways in which churches could show their "commitment to Christian Education for a World in the Making." He suggested special worship services, using Baptist students or graduates, which would help church members become more aware of the vital part these young people are playing in helping shape tomorrow's world.

Other suggestions included the use of materials furnished by the

Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist colleges for use in a display or displays in the church; the use of Sunday School assemblies in emphasizing the important ministries and opportunities offered by the Baptist colleges; sponsoring a lunch or dinner for high school students and their parents to better acquaint them with the Baptist colleges; a visit to one, or all four, colleges by high school students in the church; and the use of the church library in providing materials on the four Baptist colleges.

The four Baptist colleges in Mississippi are part of a network of some 72 Baptist institutions located throughout the country, each unique but all sharing the commitment Southern Baptists consistently have shown for the future.

"The more than 150,000 students now studying at these schools represent leaders in tomorrow's worlds of business, government, education, medicine, law and other professions. Southern Baptists' commitment to these young people insures a bold Christian witness in these areas," said Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the SBC.

"For Baptists, tomorrow's world will continue to be one of Bold Mission Thrust. In the next twenty years committed mission volunteers will join the ambitious goal to share the Good News of Christ with everyone in the world by the year 2000."

Today's Baptist school continues to be a tremendous training ground for these volunteers. In the school year, 1978-79, more than 2,700 students studying at Southern Baptist schools indicated that they felt a calling into missionary service. Nearly 28,000 students were studying for all types of Christian service.

Southern Baptists' commitment to a world in the making is carried out with the help of more than 6,000 dedicated, competent faculty members and administrators. A demonstration of the commitment of these educators came last June when representatives of Southern Baptist schools attended the National Conference on Bold Christian Education and Bold Missions.

**Intensive Study**

After three days of intensive study of the historic and vital partnership between Southern Baptist schools and missions, these educators recommitted themselves to the support of Bold Mission Thrust. There, also, they celebrated the opportunities available through Bold Missions for educators and all Southern Baptists to renew their commitment to Christian higher education for a world in the making.

To help all Southern Baptists become more aware of this commitment, the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention urges each congregation to observe Baptist Seminary, College and School Day, February 17, 1980.

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### Statistical Report

	Blue Mountain	Clarke College	Mississippi College	William Carey
Location	Blue Mountain	Newton	Clinton	Hattiesburg
President	Harold Fisher	A. C. Johnson	Lewis Nobles	Ralph Noonkester
Faculty/Adm.	32	22	124	92
Enrollment (78-79)	577	238	5,550	3,116
Graduate Students			1,313	491
Graduates Since Founding	4,032	4,734	17,346	5,384
Church Vocation				
Volunteers	128	110	223	149
Home/Foreign Mission				
Volunteers	24	2	28	19
Volumes in Library	43,370	17,132	223,871	98,975

### Is A Baptist Education Worthwhile?

## Alumni Answer With Resounding "Yes"

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, so they say. And, just so, the proof of a college is in her alumni.

All in all, Mississippi's four Baptist colleges can be proud of their alumni. Graduates of these institutions have had successful careers in areas ranging from education to medicine to journalism to business.

Of course, a most significant number of alumni from the colleges have entered church-related vocations: there are literally hundreds of pastors, ministers of education, youth directors, ministers of music, etc. who are graduates of one (or more) of Mississippi's Baptist colleges.

Presently there are some 250 students who attended Mississippi College, William Carey, Blue Mountain or Clarke working toward degrees. One of five Southern Baptist

seminaries. And the colleges can claim more than 200 career missionaries serving with the Foreign or Home Mission Boards.

Yet, however important the education of students called to church vocations, Mississippi Baptist colleges are as committed to the education of the hundreds of other students who have chosen secular vocations. The reason is clear: while a relatively small number of people is needed as salaried church staff members and other denominational workers, the secular world must also be populated with Christian leaders.

Are Mississippi Baptist colleges fulfilling their purpose by graduating Christian leaders in all areas?

"We at Carey wish that every person we graduate would become a dedicated Christian leader," comments

Dr. Hugh Dickens, administrative vice-president. "But that is not so, just as it is not so that every person who enters a church goes away a devout Christian. We continue to pray, however, that we can be used by God to help our students grow as Christians and to introduce nonChristians to a loving God."

Is a Baptist education worthwhile?

"Yes," says Carolyn Bennett Patterson, senior assistant editor with National Geographic Magazine. Ms. Patterson attended Blue Mountain College only during her freshman year "out of regard for my mother and grandmother," both BMC alumnae.

"I loved my years at Blue Mountain," she admits, explaining that her plans for a career in journalism led her to the University of Missouri School of Journalism. "Blue Mountain is an excellent small school, and I will always be grateful for the excellent background in English literature I received there."

"Yes," says Dr. Martin H. McMullan, cardiovascular surgeon of Jackson. "Upon graduation from high school I had two principal areas of interest. First, I was certain I wanted to become a physician and, secondly, I wished to continue participating in athletics on the collegiate level. Mississippi College had an excellent reputation in preparing students for medical school through the efforts of people like Dr. A. E. Wood, Dr. W. O. Sadler, and Dr. Archie Germany. It also furnished me with the level of athletic endeavor suitable to my abilities. I am most appreciative for Mississippi College's providing the necessary environment to achieve the two goals I set for myself in those formative years."

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public school teacher in Mississippi, she was president of Mississippi Education Association in 1968. "Because of the many things William Carey, as Mississippi Woman's College, gave to me, it has been a great pleasure and privilege for me to serve on the Alumni Executive Council and as an officer of the Alumni Association. I have much pride in and love for this great institution, am truly grateful for the many facets of educational and religious training I received here, and have watched eagerly each step of progress made over a period of fifty years."

Mississippi Baptist colleges have more than 30,000 alumni. There is obviously great potential for Christian service among these 30,000. Such realization can only serve as a reminder to Mississippi Baptists and their colleges that a tremendous witness is available through these institutions.



# Annual Fund Can Help Fill Students' "Tuition Gap"

"Why an Annual Fund?" is a question frequently asked by those who receive appeals to give to our Baptist colleges each year. To understand the need for an Annual Fund, one must realize first that the tuition charged a student entering a private college does not cover the cost of the education they receive.

Figures vary, but generally a student pays between 55 and 60 percent of what it costs to educate them. This leaves the college with a 40 to 45 percent gap in meeting the costs.

To charge a student 100 percent of

the cost would, however, deprive many the opportunity to study and grow through a Christian higher education. This is not a new problem to private higher education. As a matter of fact, most private colleges in America today are facing the "tuition gap" situation.

The term "tuition gap" represents that difference between what a student pays and what it costs to educate them. Though this "gap" is an old problem, it has been broadened drastically by the recent high rate of inflation. Simply stated, it costs more to run a college

today than it did ten or twenty years ago.

The narrowing or closing of this gap by the Annual Fund is essential to the continued operation of the private college. Gifts given to the Annual Fund are not only used to replace worn or outdated equipment, to purchase materials, and to supplement salaries of faculty and staff, but also are used most extensively in the area of current operating costs. Basically, you could say, the Annual Fund helps "pay the bills."

This tuition gap, along with inflation, and a more demanding and growing student body among our Baptist colleges is the reason for Annual Funds. Before one considers giving to the college of his choice, two more questions should be considered.

Does America need a private sector in higher education? Are Mississippi Baptist colleges worthy of your support? Upon examination, both of these questions should be answered in the affirmative.

These colleges — Blue Mountain, Clarke, Mississippi College and William Carey — have given so much in the past and can give so much in the future, but it depends on you.

Join those who already give annually. You will not only be helping students now on the four campuses, but also countless numbers who will pass through these institutions in the days and years ahead.

## Admissions Offices Join For Effective Service

The Admissions Offices of our four Mississippi Baptist Colleges have worked together on several projects under the heading of BEAM (Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi). This has made it possible for all of the colleges to accomplish more in a shorter period of time for less money. In other words, BEAM has helped the Admissions Offices become more efficient.

During the past two summers BEAM has sponsored a display at Gulfshore Assembly. The display included pictures of each campus, college yearbooks, brochures, and mail-back cards so that students who viewed the display could correspond with any or all four Baptist Colleges. Through the display, a great deal of information reached both prospective students and others interested in knowing more about Baptist higher education.

In August BEAM and the Education Commission wrote each Baptist church in the entire state of Mississippi to ask for names of prospective

students. The name of each student sent to BEAM by the churches was sent to all four colleges so that each school would have the opportunity of making an individual contact with each student. This will become an annual project of BEAM. This direct contact is the best way to inform prospective students of the opportunities available at our Baptist Colleges.

BEAM members greatly appreciate the 1100 names which were sent in response to the request. This joint collection of names saves a great deal of time for the Admissions Offices and the church staff members involved in completing the request form. The churches fill out the request only once rather than doing it for each college.

As Dr. Kermit McGregor, chairman of the Education Commission states, "It is a better stewardship of time, talent and money."

As we enter the 1980's, the Admissions Offices of our four Baptist Colleges, under the leadership of BEAM, are seeking to find new ways of cooperative effort beneficial to all.

## MC Facilities Attract Use For Special Events

Located in the center of the state with facilities available to serve both small and large groups, the Mississippi College campus has attracted many denominational and special groups for specific workshops and conferences.

Leading the list of special programs this past year was the Home Missions Experience, a week-long round of speeches, workshops, multi-media presentations, drama, music and personal conferences. The week was jointly sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and Mississippi College.

Said Van D. Quick, vice-president for student affairs at the college, "I have been at Mississippi College since 1951, and this was one of the richest experiences we have ever had. It was successful because of the number of lives touched. A lot of students will look back on this as one of the most significant events in their lives."

William Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the HMB, and one of the speakers at the Experience, said, "The missionaries necessary to win our nation to Christ by the year 2000 are on the Baptist campuses now. The kind of cooperation between a Baptist college and a mission agency which has been shown here at Mississippi College is the kind we must have if we are going to reach the goal of Bold Mission Thrust."

"The Home Missions Experience is like taking Glorietta or Ridgecrest to the college campus," said Ed Seabough, who coordinated the program for the HMB. "We tried to fill it as full as possible with missions experiences,

giving students and area residents an opportunity to learn about and to feel the pulse of home missions."

In addition to teaming with a Southern Baptist Convention agency like the Home Mission Board, Mississippi College has also made its campus available to many groups of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Royal Ambassadors have held their annual Congress on campus for the past several years, making use of the spacious A. E. Wood Coliseum and the athletic fields surrounding it. "The central location and the more than adequate facilities have made Mississippi College an ideal host for these young men," said Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department of the MBCB.

Various church music conferences, attracting young church musicians from all sections of the state, have also used the Coliseum for their meetings. Smaller groups, like the Education Commission, BEAM BSU directors and the like have also taken advantage of the facilities on campus.

The summer months are particularly busy on campus as various outside groups come to the campus for special meetings. These include sports camps, All-Star football and basketball teams, All-Star baseball team, cheerleading groups and others.

"We think it is very beneficial to have these folks use our campus," said a college spokesman, "and we are just glad that we are able to make our facilities available to church, denominational and other groups for their use."

## Student Government Presidents Take Pride

In looking back over my four years at William Carey College, I begin to see the real values of my education in a Baptist institution. I have received that solid education that I came to Carey for, and I've also found the real values of life taught through a Christian education at a Baptist School.

Keith Bounds  
William Carey College

By attending a Baptist-supported college, it has given me a chance to receive not just an education, but a Christian education. A chance to go to school where the students and teachers are Christians is a growing experience in the Lord. They really care about one another.

Cindy Cooper  
Clarke College

I believe the Lord has a plan for each of our lives. And His plan for mine made it necessary to go to college. I chose a Christian college so that not only would I obtain an education and prepare myself for God's will in my life, but I would also be able to grow in and prepare my spiritual life. Blue Mountain has done that for me. I am thankful for the opportunity to go to a Christian College.

Dianne Pirkle  
Blue Mountain College

I wanted to further my education in an academically sound school. Mississippi College easily met that requirement, but it also gave me an extra plus, a Christian environment. This plus is what makes Mississippi College the great institution that it is.

Tom Alexander  
Mississippi College

## Financial Aid Always Possible

As students begin to look at colleges, the natural feeling is to question how much will it cost and what financial aid will be received. The four Mississippi Baptist Colleges are aware of this concern and are at work trying to provide as much financial assistance as possible to their students.

At least 60 percent or more of the students attending our Baptist Colleges are receiving some type of financial aid. The main criteria in awarding this financial aid is the student's need.

All of the four colleges are participants in the federal program in which eligible students receive aid. These are programs such as Basic Grant, National Direct Student Loan, Supplemental Equal Opportunity Grant, Federal Insured Student Loan and College Work Study.

The State Student Incentive Grant program is available for those eligible students who reside in Mississippi. Numerous academic and athletic scholarships are provided by the colleges; many private scholarships are provided by interested individuals. Most of these colleges participate with churches in matching funds for student aid.

If a student is refused at least two types of aid then there is a program in Jackson called the Lender of Last Resort, whereby a student can borrow money (at a low interest rate) to attend college.

No student desiring to attend the four Mississippi Baptist Colleges should be denied the opportunity because of a lack of Financial Aid.

## Church Staffs Offer Contact

Potentially the most effective contacts that our Baptist colleges have are members of the local church staff. A large percentage of Mississippi pastors, directors of education, youth and music are products of one of our four Mississippi Baptist colleges.

Who, better than they, should know the value of an education obtained in a Christian setting and who, better than they, can be a positive influence in encouraging the young people of their churches to give serious consideration to attending a denominational school?

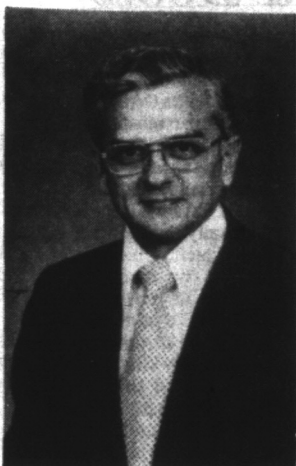
Several practical suggestions come to mind:

1. Observe Baptist Seminary, College and School Day each February as suggested by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention;
2. Counsel with your young people about the many advantages that are to be found on our Baptist campuses;
3. Furnish the names of your college prospects to your Baptist colleges;
4. Plan and promote trips to the colleges on those special days that are designed for high school visitation;
5. Utilize college resources more frequently and effectively—speakers, youth teams, music and drama groups, etc.;
6. Speak positively about Christian education.

The churches and the colleges are a team in this great endeavor and teamwork is essential for maximum effectiveness.



Worthy accomplishments for Clarke College can be achieved only if many of us catch a vision of the potential for greatness existing in this institution and, then work untiringly to reach the desired goals.  
—A. C. Johnson, President  
Clarke College



The decade of the 80's will usher in a period of preparation for the leaders of the Twenty-first Century. Unashamedly Christian, Blue Mountain College stands on the threshold of the next decade ready to share in the shaping of the leadership of the Twenty-first Century.  
—Harold Fisher, President  
Blue Mountain College



Recognizing that the learner is the focus of the educational process, our faculty members are dedicated to the ideals of academic excellence and teach under the conviction that the greatest contribution that any institution of higher education can make is the building of Christian character.  
—Lewis Nobles, President  
Mississippi College



Our greatest challenge continues to be in putting spiritual values into the hearts of students. College is the time for the maturing and the strengthening of Christian experiences.  
—J. Ralph Noonkester, President  
William Carey College

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## BEAM Places Emphasis On Cooperative Efforts

Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi (BEAM) is an organization composed of institutional advancement, public relations, and admissions personnel from the four Baptist colleges in the state — Blue Mountain, Clarke, Mississippi College, and William Carey.

It had its origin on the campus of Mississippi College in early 1978 as representatives from the four colleges met to discuss the joint cooperation of the institutions in various areas of recruitment, public relations, development, alumni involvement and other ventures. The first official meeting of the group was held on the campus of Blue Mountain College in April 1978, with several college presidents, along with administrative personnel from each school, and the chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, present.

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden Kelly, former vice-president for public relations and alumni at William Carey College, was the charter president of the organization. She was succeeded by James Bryant, director of development at Blue Mountain, while Norman H. Gough, director of public relations at Mississippi College, was elected in November, 1979, to serve as BEAM president during 1980.

Other officers serving with Gough this year include Mrs. Jo Laurin McDonald Davis of William Carey, vice-president; Evelyn Williams of Clarke College, secretary; and Rev. Robert Wall of Mississippi College, program chairman.

Believing that the advancement of Baptist higher education in Mississippi could best be served by mutual cooperation and joint ventures in many areas by the four Baptist colleges of the state, programs were initiated which involved all the schools. Too, leaders of BEAM thought there should be a close relationship between the organization and the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The chairman of the Commission has become a regular attendee at BEAM meetings and the entire membership of the Commission has furnished its support in a number of endeavors.

The first joint activity sponsored by BEAM was the promotion of Baptist Seminary, College and School Day sponsored each year through the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This activity has continued, plus the group has set up joint booths at the Mississippi Baptist Convention and at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly during the summer months. They have also shared ideas and joined hands in other joint projects.

## Cauthen and Students

## Foreign Missions Theme Recurs At William Carey

Foreign missions has been a recurring theme this year at William Carey College.

One of the most inspiring and exciting events was spring commencement in May when Baker James Cauthen brought the address. Cauthen, for 25 years executive director of the Foreign Mission Board before his retirement this year, was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by the college.

Often compared to the missionary William Carey, Cauthen served one term as a missionary evangelist in China and some ten years as FMB's secretary of the Orient.

A youthful 69, Cauthen exuded vitality and humor as he challenged Carey's candidates for degrees to lead exemplary lives.

Another "foreign missions" experience at Carey happened this summer when 28 Japanese used the campus as a "home-base" while they studied American culture and medical care.

The majority of the visitors were student nurses from Japan Baptist School of Nursing in Kyoto. Director of that school is Mary Lou Emanuel, a Southern Baptist missionary. The school offers a three-year program for the training of Christian nurses.

According to a letter written by Mrs. Emanuel to Carey's academic vice-president, all students at the school must be baptized believers or "seekers" who are attending church. "We have graduated 135 nurses to date and only one had not been baptized at her

graduation time this year. She had, however, made her commitment, and we believe she will follow through to full discipleship," wrote Mrs. Emanuel.

Three others in the group of visitors — two doctors and a nurse — are on the staff of Seirei Welfare Community in Hamamatsu, which is supported by the United Church of Japan. "Our facilities are very small and outdated in comparison to theirs," wrote Ms. Emanuel, "but the percentage of Christians in their work is small. We are anxious for them to see the strength and hospitality of Baptists in America."

The rest of the group were non-Christians, teachers at the School of Nursing at Fukuoka University and at Shizuoka Junior College. Mrs. Emanuel expressed the hope that the Christian experience at Carey could aid her students in their witness to them.

While at Carey, the Japanese visitors were guided through a number of medical facilities in south Mississippi and were exposed to a variety of American experiences. To facilitate an understanding of American culture, the college provided special classes in comparative religion, American culture, American history and government, and conversational English.

Local churches also cooperated in the "Americanization." Church families provided weekend "homes-away-from-home" to the visitors, allowing them to become familiar with American Christian home life.

## Lottie Moon Offering Is Important At Clarke

Albert Einstein once said "Education is what you have left after you've forgotten everything you learned in school." It is true that many of the most memorable experiences of college do not come from books and class rooms. Much of the real learning accomplished in college has nothing to do with test tubes or slides, chalkboards, or bluebooks.

At Clarke one of the greatest learning experiences is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Through Lottie Moon, Clarke students, faculty, and friends learn about the true meaning of giving, of caring for souls in need.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has come to one of the highlights of the year at Clarke. All eagerly anticipate the days when the college unites in and all our efforts to meet a challenging financial goal at a time when many people are interested only in Santa Claus and Christmas parties. The holiday season takes on a new meaning, a true meaning, when those who have so little see Christ through the efforts of those who contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

At Clarke the 1979 Lottie Moon goal was \$1979.00. On December 13, when students, faculty, and administration gathered in front of the girls' dormitory for the lighting of the star, it was announced that the goal had been reached. But even as the star was shining, signifying a successful month of work, more students were giving. By the end of the week the amount given in cash and pledges had reached \$2,503.00

for those who worked and planned for 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and for those who gave sacrificially, there was a lesson learned that will never be placed on a transcript or grade card. And yet it is this lesson that is the very heartbeat of Christian Education. It is the lesson that Christ taught when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Another highlight of this year was the Missions Awareness Week. Clarke College students and faculty are traditionally mission minded as evidenced by the many summer mission volunteers that go out from the college each year. Presently there are thirty-nine active foreign missionaries who attended Clarke. Mission Awareness Week gives new students an opportunity to catch the mission spirit and learn more about Southern Baptist Mission efforts in the world. It also unites Clarke with the local churches of Newton County in an intensive mission emphasis.

Of the 14 missionaries who led services in Newton County, Clarke was privileged to hear from four in special chapel services. Speaking at Clarke were Ibelize Veltia, Spanish Language, Nevada; Mrs. Hollis V. Bryant, Alaska; Paul D. Lee, Spain; John Vandercreek, Baptist Seaman's Service, New Orleans, Louisiana. Thanks to these speakers during Mission Awareness Week, the challenges of a lost world are presented to students who, one day, may very well face them as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

# Your Colleges Deserve Your Support



# Sunday School Growth Plan Urges '8.5 by '85'

By Linda Lawson  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Harry Piland challenged state Sunday School leaders meeting here to support a comprehensive five-year plan to increase enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools from the current 7.3 million to 8.5 million by 1985.

Piland, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, noted that while Sunday School enrollment increased from five to seven million between 1950 and 1958, it has grown only 200,000, from 7.1 to 7.3 million since 1958. Projections indicate a 0.1 percent, or 7,338, decrease in 1979 to the current 7.3 million level.

Based on current statistics, Piland presented annual goals on a state-by-state basis for consideration of the state leaders, who expressed support for the plan.

Bryant Cummings, director of Mississippi's state Sunday School department, said, "The Mississippi Sunday School department has planned to take the Nashville Sunday School department's goals and develop annual goals for Mississippi Sunday Schools between now and 1985. In 1981 the goal is for a 4530 enrollment gain, progressing to 1985 with a goal of 22,650 enrollment gain." He added, "A good start is anticipated with nearly 3000 enrollment gain reported this past year."

"I think it is timely and long overdue that we set numerical goals," said James Frost, director of the Florida state Sunday School department.

Frost said he plans to take Florida's current goal of a 20 percent increase during the next three years and translate it from percentage into numerical terms.

In California, the state convention is in its third year of working toward Bold Mission Thrust goals calling for a 20 percent increase in Sunday School enrollment by 1984, with a total objective of doubling the enrollment by 1990, according to R. L. Pattillo Jr., Sunday School department director.

"We're beginning to get response from churches now," said Pattillo. "Our people are talking for the first time about growth and about new work."

In announcing the enrollment goal, Piland said churches must plan for growth by training potential workers and adding new classes. A total of 8.5 million persons in Sunday School would require an additional 151,380 new workers and 64,320 new class units, he said.

For the first year, 1980-81, Piland proposed the following denominational goals for Southern Baptist Sunday

## Schools:

- 100,000 net increase in enrollment;
- 5,000 churches beginning an evangelistic visitation program;
- 100,000 workers trained in personal witnessing skills;
- 1,000 churches beginning weekly workers' meetings;
- 2,000 workers earning a Sunday School Leadership Diploma; and
- 1,000 churches requesting general Sunday School Standard recognition.

## Choir Ends Journey Behind Locked Doors

By Mittlelee Walton McCall  
Communications Secretary  
Church Music Department

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
It took one inspired minister of music, one enthusiastic pastor and 41 dedicated choir members to give the gift of Christ's love to hundreds of institutionalized persons at Christmas. According to Louis Nicholosi, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Poplarville, he began planning an adult choir mission tour last September "as a result of a definite impression" that he "felt strongly to be 'of the Lord.'"

The heartwarming results clearly show what the Lord can do through able and willing disciples. Louis prepared a proposal for the Christmas Mission Tour and asked his adult choir members to "make it a matter of deep personal prayer."

When 41 choir members committed themselves to go, they began rehearsing the music for the tour. I Believe, He's the Son of God, a cantata by John F. Wilson, was chosen for the main piece. A handbell group selected four numbers to ring as a prelude for the cantata. A 15-minute caroling routine using handbells for accompaniment was also readied.

The choir tour began on Dec. 21, 1979, at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Carville, La. The next day they ventured to the East Louisiana State Hospital and the Dixon Correctional Institute in Jackson, La. The choir ended its tour

on December 23 with a home concert.

Louis sums up the tour like this: "Our pastor (Robert Barnes) was tremendous as God took control of him and spoke in a most dynamic way. Our choir sang untiringly as they did three full cantatas and sang a 15-minute caroling routine 15 times in the one and one-half days we were on tour."

"Actually the itinerary doesn't give the total picture because of what happened at the mental institution in Jackson. Our choir caroled behind locked doors that no one else had ever gone beyond in the history of the institution in any kind of ministry capacity and we did this in ten different wards at the institution."

"We saw mentally ill people smile for the first time in years, according to attendants. We saw one lady who hadn't spoken an audible word in years actually sing a Christmas carol. "At the prison hearts were blessed to the degree that at this time we are getting mail from many of the inmates simply rejoicing about the blessing they received and praising God for being so real to them."

Since the tour fell on the weekend just prior to Christmas, it took a good deal of sacrifice for those who participated to work out their schedules. This difficult scheduling, according to Louis, made "the idea of 'mission work' even greater in reference to sharing the joy of Christmas with those in confinement." In the end, "it all worked out just great, and again, I give God all the glory and praise."

## George County Honors The Parkers

George County Baptists proclaimed Jan. 27 as John A. and Ruby Parker Day, to mark the retirement of the Parkers after 37 years as missionaries to Chile.

Parker is a native of George County and grew up in the Rocky Creek Church where he was saved and influenced toward the ministry. Mrs. Parker is a native of Texas. The Parkers met for the first time when they went before the Foreign Mission Board for appointment. They were each assigned to Chile and married after arriving on the mission field.

Rocky Creek and Agricola churches led in the planning of the special day. All churches of the county were invited to participate. A love offering of \$2865.00 was received from the churches and presented to the Parkers.

Both George Counties and out of county people participated in the afternoon program. Many of them were contemporaries of the Parkers and recalled both serious and hilarious youthful happenings. Johnny Walker, pastor of First Church of Lucedale, delivered the special message.

The Parkers have established residence in Waco, Texas near the Baylor campus. Parker states, "This is not really retirement; it is a change of assignment."

Left to right: Burkett Read, chairman of deacons, Agricola; Mrs. Parker, John Parker; and Paul Eubanks, chairman of deacons of Rocky Creek. Read and Eubanks presented the love offering.

## Sunday School Board Elects Kay, Lawrence

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist Sunday School Board trustees elected Richard Kay to head the office of planning and Steven R. Lawrence as manager of the personnel department.

Kay, 52, has served as associate executive-director of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California since 1962. Board President Grady Cothen said he plans to rely on Kay's ability to plan for the future and his knowledge of state convention work. "These relationships (with the states) are supremely important to us," he said.

Lawrence, 36, has been manager of the board's administrative services department since 1971. He came to the board in 1968 as job salary analyst in the office of personnel and later served as manager of the Broadman trade advertising department from 1969 to 1971.

With Lawrence's election, the personnel department will be moved in the board organization to report directly to the executive office. Cothen said the move was being made following several studies "in an attempt to ensure we're doing the best job we can to support our employees."

Reviewing the past year ending Sept. 30, Cothen reported "the institution is financially healthy."

He said the new direct sales department approved by the trustees in August 1979 has "begun slowly" with pilot tests being conducted with several types of sales programs. "We still feel good about the possibilities here," he said.

Almost 150,000 copies of the board's home Bible study course were mailed in January, Cothen said. "This has developed in a phenomenal way we had no ability to anticipate."

The weekly television program, "At Home with the Bible," which was launched with the Bible correspondence program in October 1978, recently received an award as outstanding Christian television program from the National Religious Broadcasters. Frank Pollard, pastor of Jackson's

## Union County Selects Cox As Missionary

Marvin Cox, pastor of Northside Church, New Albany, has accepted the position as director of missions for Union County Association.

He succeeds Guy Culver, who is now director of missions for Alcorn and Tishomingo Associations.

Cox, native of New Albany, was ordained by the Ellettsville Church. Previous pastorates include Martin Church near New Albany and Bethlehem (Simpson).

He studied at Itawamba Junior College and at Blue Mountain. Cox is married to the former Glenda Chapman. The couple has two children.

## Parkers Retire After 37 Years In Chile

John and Ruby Parker, missionaries to Chile for 37 years, are retiring. He was born in Lucedale, Miss.

In 1914 and she was born, the former Ruby Hayden, in Picton, Texas, in 1913. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1942, the same year they were married.

He is a graduate of University of Mississippi and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

In Chile he served at various times, in Talca and Santiago, as general evangelist, pastor, seminary professor and business manager, field worker, national Sunday School secretary, and national executive secretary of evangelism.

After Mrs. Parker received a degree from Texas Tech, she taught school in Texas. In Chile she has been church and home evangelist, and seminary teacher and dean of women.

The Parkers have two sons, John David and Charles Kenneth. During retirement, they plan to make their home in Texas.

## Glazes Honored In Argentina; Move To State

Twenty students participated in graduation exercises at International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The main address was brought by A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, who has been professor of theology, Old Testament, and Hebrew at the seminary.

Before the address, Daniel Tino, representing the seminary, recognized the 25 years Mr. and Mrs. Glaze served there, and presented them with a gift as they were leaving Argentina to go to Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., where Glaze is new head of the religion department.

The Glazes, missionaries to Argentina since 1953, resigned from missionary service Jan. 15. A native of Mississippi, he was born in D'O and grew up in Pelahatchie. She is the former Eugenia Johnson of Greenwood, S.C. Glaze was named last year to the Mississippi College post, but had responsibilities in Argentina to complete before moving to Mississippi. He began teaching there this semester, the second semester of the school year.

The Glazes have moved to 800 Dunton Road, Clinton, MS 39066.

Rome, Italy — Nearly forty persons gathered at Betania, Baptist conference center here, January 15 for a dinner to welcome John and Celia Bane as new Southern Baptist missionaries to Italy. All Baptist churches in the Rome area were represented by pastors and their wives or by elders of churches.



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## Just For The Record



NEW HOPE CHURCH, RL 2, Calhoun County, burned the note on the addition to the church on Jan. 6. Pictured left to right, are H. E. Bailey, James Holder, Robert Freely, Wayne Bailey, Ravis Winter, deacons. Marion Holley, pastor, is in the background.



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, ASHLAND, has paid for its pasteurium, left, and burned the note. Pastor Thomas Thornton led in a dedication service. Building Committee members were, front row, left to right: Oliver Crumpton, Woodrow Massengale, back row, left to right: Willie Mae Needham, Molly Pearl Green, Ione Bruce, Mary Wilson, Mrs. Donald Simpson, and Donald Simpson.



The church, with a Sunday School enrollment of 64, started special offerings for the home in 1974. By October, 1977, the congregation had saved \$15,000, and borrowed \$10,000 more. Work had started on the building July of 1977.



First Church, Macon, received a humanitarian award from the Mississippi Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch, Columbus, for its financial support. This support is a budgeted item which was started in the 1978-79 church year, and increased in this year's budget. Shown presenting the award to Hugh L. Poole, pastor and John Tucker, chairman of deacons, is Bill J. Shaw, executive director of the Boys and Girls Ranch.

The newly organized Acteens of West Ellisville Church, Ellisville, recently held a candlelight service, highlighting mission work in all countries where foreign missionaries are now serving. Under the direction of Mrs. Nelda Moore, nine girls participated in the service, climaxing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis.

The church surpassed its goal of \$3,000 in that service. The GA's of the church also took part by passing out salt packets to the congregation, after which Mrs. Moore presented a charge to the church to be "the salt of the earth, the light of the world."

The Acteens prepared breakfast for the men of the church on Baptist Men's Day and are planning a home mission study lock-in for Feb. 15. Mrs. Frances Temple is WMU director; Tom McCurley is pastor.



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## Missionary News

Earl and Mamie Lou Posey, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 134, Baguio, Philippines.) She was born in Lucedale.

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Liberia, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Box 94, Noxapater, Miss. 39346), her hometown. She was appointed in 1955.

Kathleen Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Nichols, missionary associates to Korea, married Richard Donk on Jan. 19 in Clearwater, Fla. Her parents may be addressed at Baptist Hospital, P. O. Box 76, Pusan 600, Korea. Her mother, the former Jean Lee, was born in Meridian.

Sarah and John Perkins, Baptist representatives to France, may be addressed at 8, Rue Leon Blum, 33400 Talence, France. Born in Montgomery, Ala., he also lived in Elmore County, Ala., Gonzalez and Cantonment, Fla., while growing up. The former Sarah Grant, she was born in McComb, Miss., but grew up in Burgin and Louisville, Ky., and Drew and Jackson, Miss. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979, he was pastor of First Baptist Church of Eudora, Raymond, Miss. She is the daughter of David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor, Jackson, and Mrs. Grant.

Randall Lewis Von Kanel, missionary journeyman to the Cayman Islands, may be addressed at Box 817 GT, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.I. A native of Mississippi, he was born in Macon and considers Pascagoula his hometown. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978, he was a voice instructor at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Cynthia L. McGee, missionary to Chile, has arrived in the States on medical leave (address: 228 Frederica, Jackson, Miss. 39209). She was born in Memphis and grew up in Jackson.

Billy and Gerry Colston, missionaries to Korea, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Address: Yoido P. O. Box 45, Seoul 150, Korea.) He was born in Kosciusko.

## January Gifts

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the churches passed the budget figure by \$284,046, Kelly pointed out.

"Missions continues to be a top priority item with Mississippi Baptists," Kelly said. "Our missions-conscious churches continue to inspire young people to give their lives into missions service, and they continue to support these young people and missions efforts all over the world with ever-increasing missions gifts," he added. "With experiences such as these we will be able to make available a gospel witness for everyone in the world before the close of this century."



# Names In The News . . .

R. L. and Beth Sigrest, sacred music artists of Yazoo City, will be guest musicians at the Etowah Baptist Association School of the Prophets in Gadsden, Ala., February 18-19. Conference speakers include S. M. Lockridge of San Diego and Charles Carter of Birmingham, Ala. The Sigrests will also present a concert of sacred music on February 17 at the Twelfth Street Baptist Church, Gadsden.

Boyd Smith and Floyd Smith, twin brothers from First Church, Lambert, have surrendered to full-time mission work. For the past three summers they have worked as summer missionaries in different parts of the U.S. Both attend Delta State University. They are the sons of Mrs. Marie Smith of Lambert. Wayne Long is the Lambert pastor.

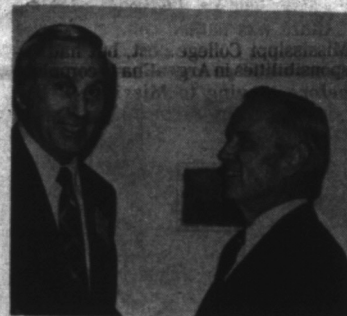
Ronny Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Moseley of Harrisville, Miss., is among 33 Campbellsville College students participating in the Campbellsville, Ky. school's student teaching program this semester. He is student teaching at Campbellsville High School under supervision of Gary Strange. He is a 1976 graduate of Van-Cleave High School in Mississippi. Campbellsville College is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Wiggins Church, Carthage on Jan. 6 had Steve Johnson Night. Carlton Jones, Johnson's pastor for nine years, had charge of the event. Joe Shepard, headmaster of Leake Academy; Mrs. June Shepard, math teacher at Leake Academy; Mrs. Ann Allen, science teacher at Leake Academy; and former Coach Larry Therrell, were on program.

Steve Johnson, graduate of Leake Academy, is now a senior at Mississippi College majoring in physics in which he has maintained a perfect 4.0 quality point average. Overall he has a 3.932 average.

He has been a starter on the Mississippi College football team for the past four years and has been Academic All American as a junior and senior. He was one of 33 players in the United States awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for graduate study by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Johnson of Carthage.



JAMES HURT (left), president of the Mississippi Alumni Association of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and pastor of Immanuel Church, Cleveland, chats with Southern Seminary President DUKE K. McCALL at the recent meeting of the Alumni Advisory Council on campus. (Southern Seminary photo by Tennis England)

## For Bold Missions

## Goss Launches Three-Point Plan To Do More, Give More, Be More

Goss Church of Marion Association has launched a three point plan for 1980. According to the pastor, Jerry Mixon, the idea came through the mission messages brought by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, during the state Baptist convention in November. The plan includes the following:

## Winston County Calls Director Of Missions

Jerry Stevens has resigned as pastor of Calvary Church, Columbus, to accept a position as director of missions in Winston Association. He and his family will move to Louisville around Feb. 15. Stevens, a native of Itawamba County, is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. Previous pastorates include Midway in Pontotoc County, and First Church, Nicholson.

He and his wife, the former Bonnie Pierce, have two children. Stevens studied at the University of Tel Aviv, Israel, during the summer of 1974. Saitillo Church licensed him to the ministry in 1969. Before becoming a pastor, he worked in a bank, and was lay preacher "all over north Mississippi."



Arthur Leslie, right, director of mission of Lafayette Association, presented Ken McMillen, Church Training director of Lafayette Association, the Associational Director of The Year Award for 1979, on behalf of the state Church Training department. The award was presented M Night at North Oxford Church, Nov. 27, 1979.

McMillen has served the Lafayette association as director for two years. Prior to this he served as associational Church Training director for Calhoun association for eight years. During the 1978-79 associational year he earned diplomas for both General Officers and Adult Leaders for Church Training.

He has served as pastor of Clear Creek Church (Lafayette) since 1974. He also is a special worker for the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Tommy W. Stacy has been called as pastor of the Pine Tree Church, Pine Tree, Ark. He is the son of Mrs. W. R. Stacy and the late Mr. Stacy of Ruleville, Miss. His wife Janis, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Free of Ruleville. Stacy is enrolled in the Diploma Program at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Earl Clark, pastor's wife at New Hope Baptist Church, Ellisville, has compiled information to assist any interested church in the promotion of the Christian stewardship of natural resources, and in meeting the budgetary problems due to rising energy costs.

Mrs. Clark holds the master's degree in home economics from USM where she attended an energy workshop and did further study on "The Church's Role in Energy Conservation." She is the secretary for the Baptist Student Union at Jones County Junior College and would be available for seminars, programs, or consultation in the area of energy conservation. She may be contacted by calling 477-3881 (home) or 477-3973 (office), or by writing Route 3, Box 311-A, Ellisville, MS.

James Kirkland of Drew is now available for regular pastorate, interim, or supply. He and Mrs. Kirkland were both injured in a serious automobile accident a year ago. They now have fully recovered, and he states that they would like to express thanks for all the prayers and help given them during the past year.

Kirkland may be contacted at 141 S. Main, Drew, MS 38737 (phone 745-8314). He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, and has served several churches in Mississippi.

## David Meece To Be In Concert At Wm. Carey

Real Life Concert Ministries will sponsor David Meece in concert at Thomas Hall Auditorium on the William Carey College campus on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$3 and are available at Autry's or The Sheephead in Hattiesburg. Tickets at the door will be \$4 each.

Meece's current album is "Everybody Needs A Little Help." A single from this album, "I Can't Believe It's True," has charted on over 50 pop play lists across the country, according to Mike Cloer, Word radio promotion director.

Meece performs in at least 250 concerts a year. In St. Louis he taped the song, "Love Is The Reason," as a part of a Multiple Sclerosis Special for national television.

Alvis K. Cooper, pastor of Oak Hill Church of Pontotoc, was awarded the Master of Social Science Degree on Dec. 20, 1979, for work completed at the University of Mississippi. Cooper is a 1977 graduate of Blue Mountain College where he was a major in Bible and History. He has served as pastor in Mississippi, Guam and Germany.

Gene Childress was licensed to preach at the Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, on Dec. 12, 1979. He, in his testimony before the church, related how God had called him into His service and of his desire to share God's Word. Childress is living at 2318 Highway 80 East, Jackson, MS. 39208, and is available for preaching opportunities. He hopes to continue his education in college this fall.

Evelyn Hollifield Vaughn of Jackson wrote the unit for Older Children in 1980 Vacation Bible School materials.

This included teaching procedures in the teacher's book, activities in the pupil's book, and preparation of a resource kit and picture set.

Mrs. Vaughn, wife of Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been writing Sunday School curriculum materials for Older Children for 12 years. She is a native of Meridian.

She is also author of two study course booklets, *Learning About My Church*, and *Rules! Rules! Rules!* The latter (for children 9-11) has just come off the press and is one of the 1980 Family Enrichment Series. A review of this book will appear in the Baptist Record soon, in the "Book Review" column.



ELMA TYLER, right, has been honored by the Children's Sunday School department of Winona, First Church for her 50-year service in that age group as department secretary. During the morning worship hour Mrs. DeNell Doler, left, Children's department director, presented Miss Tyler a plaque commending her for 50 years of faithful and dedicated service, from September 1929 to September 1979. After the worship service, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall, honoring Miss Tyler. David Pratt is pastor.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Branson Isley, assistant to the president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Columbia, Ala.

Isley, a Birmingham, Ala., native, joined the seminary staff in 1976 as director of college relations. In 1978, he became director of admissions and financial aid; and in 1979 was named assistant to the president.

## MC To Be Declared State Arboretum

Mississippi College, the state's oldest institution and the oldest and largest of the Baptist colleges in Mississippi, has been identifying and labeling by sign all trees and plants on the main campus. Signs carry the common name and the scientific name of each plant. From left are Anne Meydrech and Bill Stark of the Biology Department at the college who worked with the project along with the late biology professor, Louis Temple; Mrs. Jack C. Boyles of Clinton, current recording secretary of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, who was also the President of the Camellia Garden Club of Clinton when the project was begun; and Mrs. Sam Gunter of Clinton, Conservation Chairman of the Clinton Camellia Garden Club.

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